

Community Resource Report

Resource name: Mountain to Sound Greenway

Why this is the coolest thing ever:

As the name suggests, the Mountain to Sound Greenway stretches in a 100-mile corridor from the Seattle Waterfront across the Cascade Mountains, encompassing over 800,000 acres of publicly owned land set aside as green space. The Trust that oversees the disparate pieces of land that makes up the greenway is a lesson in itself of how volunteers and active citizens can make an impact on their environment, and the challenges in balancing the interests of a diverse group of landowners to reach a common goal.

The end result includes resources about the [history](#) of the corridor including mining, farming and transportation in the area, [haiku](#), and an abundance of educational opportunities. The Mountains to Sound Greenway describes itself as “a magnificent outdoor classroom” and provides a multitude of opportunities for students to interact with their resources:

The **Mountain to Sound Greenway Trust** offers [From Classroom to Forest](#)

Programs which include classroom [curricula](#) that prepare students for field study trips into the forest. These programs have themes such as Savvy About Soil and Forests and Fins, and mesh well with science kits used in many area district schools. Cost of the program and transportation is subsidized for schools based on the percentage of free and reduced lunch population.



The [Cedar River Watershed Educational Center](#) tells the story of how Seattle gets its drinking water. Tours of this facility above Rattlesnake Lake near North Bend include interpretive displays, demonstration gardens, interactive art, and hiking trails. A detailed [brochure](#) of offerings is available, and free school-year programs are filled by lottery over the summer.

The [Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center](#) in Bellevue is also part of the Mountains to Sound Greenway and offers educational programs.